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The German training ship Gorch Fock, sunk in Stralsund harbor, was seen there on 14 April 1948 after having been raised, pumped out, and made seaworthy. German workers were reconditioning the machinery. Local inhabitants claim that the vessel is to be towed to Russia.

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The note above has been confirmed by another source, who Comment: reported on 5 April 1948 that the Gorch Fock "was salvaged practically undamaged and does not need many repairs. The machinery has been overhanded and put into operating condition.)

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The Neptun Werft, Rostock, received another Soviet order for 500 iron pontoons in late May 1948, bringing the total to 1,500. Manufacture of these pontoons takes priority over all other work. Present employee strength at the Neptun Werft is approximately 1,400.

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The original order for 1,000 iron pontoons was reported in early April 1948. At that time there were said to be 4,050 employees.

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